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(solid ball)

Ex Compute volume of the disk of radius α

Note: We already did this in cartesian coordinates and it was nasty

sol/ In spherical coordinates, $B_\alpha = \{(\rho, \theta, \phi) : 0 \leq \rho \leq \alpha \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi\}$

$$Vol(B_\alpha) = \iiint_{B_\alpha} 1 dV_{cart} \xrightarrow{\text{spherical}} \iiint_{B_\alpha} 1 \rho^2 \sin(\phi) dV_{spherical}$$

$$\int_0^\alpha \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \rho^2 \sin(\phi) d\phi d\theta d\rho$$

$$= \int_0^\alpha \left[-\rho^2 \cos(\phi) \right]_0^\pi d\theta = -\rho^2(-1-1)$$

$$= \int_0^\alpha \int_0^{2\pi} \rho^2 d\theta = \int_0^\alpha \rho^2 \theta \Big|_0^{2\pi} d\rho = 2\pi \rho^2$$

$$= \int_0^\alpha 4\pi \rho^2 d\rho = \frac{4\pi \rho^3}{3} \Big|_0^\alpha = \frac{4\pi \alpha^3}{3}$$

$$= \frac{4\pi \alpha^3}{3}$$

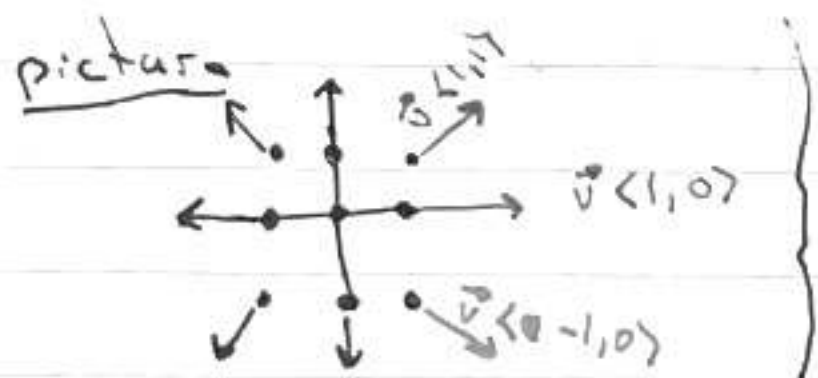
16.2 Vector fields

Goal: Study $\vec{v}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

vf = vector field

Def: A vector field on \mathbb{R}^n is a function $\vec{v}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

Ex $\vec{v}(x,y) = \langle x,y \rangle$ is a v.f. on \mathbb{R}^2



We shift the vector $\vec{v}(x,y)$ to have tail (x,y)

Ex

Draw $\vec{v}(x,y) = \langle -y, x \rangle$



Think of it like a hurricane,
where $(0,0)$ is an eye of the storm

Vector fields are like mapping a force

Can describe how a force interacts

$$\vec{v}(0,0) = \langle 0,0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v}(1,0) = \langle 0,1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v}(0,1) = \langle -1,0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v}(1,1) = \langle -1,1 \rangle \text{ (etc.)}$$

$$\vec{v}(1,2) = \langle -2,1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v}(2,1) = \langle -1,2 \rangle$$

Ex

Given any function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we obtain the vector field by taking the gradient:

e.g. $f(x, y) = xy$

$\nabla f = \langle y, x \rangle$ is the gradient vector field of f

Thus

e.g. $f(x, y, z) = e^{x+y^2} \cos(x+z)$

$\nabla f(x, y, z) = \langle e^{x+y^2} \cos(x+z) \cdot e^{x+y^2} \sin(x+z), 2ye^{x+y^2} \cos(x+z), -e^{x+y^2} \sin(x+z) \rangle$
is a v.f. on \mathbb{R}^3

e.g. $f(x, y) = x^3 + 3xy - y^2$

~~def~~ $\nabla f = (3x^2 + 3y - y^2, 3x - 2xy)$

Terminology: ① A vector field is conservative when it is the gradient v.f. of some f

② When $\vec{v} = \nabla f$ is conservative we say f is a potential function for \vec{v}

Obvious Question: Which v.f.s are conservative?

↳ "aren't all of them conservative?"

If $\vec{v}(x,y)$ is conservative, then $\vec{v} = \nabla F(x,y)$

i.e. $\vec{v}(x,y) = \langle f_x(x,y), f_y(x,y) \rangle$

By Clairaut's Theorem, $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$

So for $\vec{v} = \langle v_x, v_y \rangle$ we have

$$\frac{d}{dy}[v_x] = \frac{d}{dx}[v_y] \text{ for all conservative v.f.s}$$

Can construct non-conservative v.f.s easily

$\vec{v} = \langle -y, x \rangle$ is not conservative b/c $\frac{d}{dx}[v_y] = 1$
 $\frac{d}{dy}[v_x] = -1$ } Are not equal

It turns out this is an "iff" type condition!

prop: A vector field $\vec{v}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \rangle$ is conservative if and only if for all i, j we have:

$$\frac{d}{dx_j}[v_i] = \frac{d}{dx_i}[v_j]$$

(i.e. A vector is only conservative iff it satisfies Clairaut's Theorem)

Note: A proof of this result follows from the methods I give below...

Ex

Is $\vec{v} = \langle x, y \rangle$ conservative? If yes, potential?

sol

$$\frac{d}{dx}[v_1] = \frac{d}{dx}[x] = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dy}[v_2] = \frac{d}{dy}[y] = 1$$

To compute the potential:

If $\vec{v} = \nabla f$, then $f_x(x,y) = x$ $f_y(x,y) = y$

$$\therefore f(x,y) = \int \frac{df}{dx} dx = \int x dx = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C(y)$$

Must not depend on x , as if it were the derivative could not be 0

Find $C(y)$

~~f(x,y)~~:

$$\therefore y = f_y(x,y) = \frac{d}{dy} \left[\frac{1}{2}x^2 + C(y) \right] = y$$

hence: $C(y) = \int y dy$ an actual constant

$$C(y) = \frac{1}{2}y^2 + D$$

$$f(x,y) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2 + D$$

continued

$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2 + D$ is a potential for \vec{v} for every constant D

Ex

Is $\vec{v} = \langle 2xy, x^2 - 3y^2 \rangle$ conservative? If yes, find its potential

$$\text{sol } \frac{d}{dx}[V_x] = 2x \quad \frac{d}{dy}[V_y] = 2x$$

$2x = 2x$, V is cons

find its potential

$\vec{v} = \nabla f$ for some $f(x, y)$ where

~~$\frac{d}{dx}[V_x] = 2x$ $\frac{d}{dy}[V_y] = 2x$~~

$$f_x(x, y) = 2xy \quad f_y(x, y) = x^2 - 3y^2$$

$$\therefore f(x, y) = \int \frac{df}{dx} dx = \int 2xy dx = \frac{2x^2y}{2} + C(y)$$

$$\text{Hence } x^2 - 3y^2 = \frac{df}{dy} = \frac{d}{dy} \left[x^2y + C(y) \right]$$

$$x^2 - 3y^2 = x^2 + \frac{dC}{dy}$$

$$\int \frac{dC}{dy} dy = \int -3y^2 dy$$

$$= -\frac{3y^3}{3} + D$$

$$C(y) = -y^3 + D$$

Potential is $x^2y - y^3 + D$ for every constant D